

Rural Housing Service Programs

Housing Preservation Grants

What does this program do?

It provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing occupied by low and very low income people.

Who may apply for this program?

- Most State and local governmental entities
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Individual homeowners are not eligible

Additional requirements include:

- Applicants must have the necessary background and experience with proven ability to perform the responsibility of repair and rehabilitation of low-income housing
- Applicants are required to make quarterly progress reports and a final audit on their accomplishments

What is an eligible area?

Areas that may be served include:

- Rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people-Check [eligible addresses](#)
- Federally Recognized Tribal lands

How may funds be used?

- Applicants provide grants or low-interest loans to repair or rehabilitate housing for low- and very-low-income homeowners

- Rental property owners may also receive assistance if they agree to make units available to low- and very-low-income families
- Eligible expenses include:
 - Repairing or replacing electrical wiring, foundations, roofs, insulation, heating systems and water/waste disposal systems
 - Handicap accessibility features
 - Labor and materials
 - Administrative expenses
 - For a complete list, see Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) [1944.664](#)

How do we get started?

Applications are accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register.

What governs this program?

- Code of Federal Regulation, [7 CFR 1944-N](#)
- RD Instruction [1944-N](#)
- RD Instruction [1940-L](#), Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds
- RD Instruction [1940-G](#), Environmental Program
- RD Instruction [1901-E](#), Civil Rights Compliance Requirements
- This program is authorized by Title V of the Housing Act of 1949

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Law Governs this Program?" You may also contact [your local office](#) for assistance.

You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at www.rd.usda.gov